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## **REMARKS**

As a preliminary matter, the Applicants have corrected the typographical error, which resulted in there being two claims numbered "10". The claims have been renumbered accordingly. With respect to the Examiner's species election requirement, the Applicants elect the invention of claims 1-14 without traverse. Claims 15-22 have been withdrawn without prejudice.

To move this case more quickly to allowance, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 5, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Also, claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to maintain its original scope. Consequently, the Examiner's previous rejections are believed to be moot, and the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of those rejections.

The Applicants believe that claims 1-4 and 6-14 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request notice of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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